

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In Re The Application of: )  
Michael Mascia )  
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**AMENDMENT**

This Amendment is filed in response to the Office Action mailed July 10, 2007. All objections and rejections are respectfully traversed. We again state that the Applicant has a single independent claim in claims 1-24, and continue to point out that all of the dependent claims, including the claims listed as withdrawn, should be considered as one species. We continue to reserve our rights to revisit the election once claim 1 is allowed. Please enter the following amendments: